## Periodic Closure of the L-40 Levee and Canal until October 2012

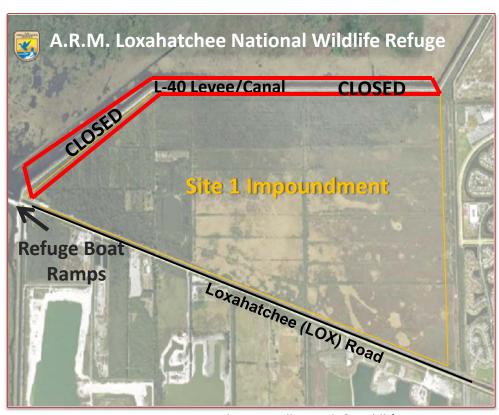
## L-40 Levee and Canal Closed

- The L-40 Levee and Canal will be intermittently closed to boating, hiking, bicycling and all other activities in order to construct the Site 1 impoundment. The Site 1 Impoundment, is a component of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, will capture and store excess surface water runoff from the Hillsboro watershed as well as releases from the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) and Lake Okeechobee.
- Phase 1 will reduce the amount of seepage loss from the adjacent Refuge. Reducing seepage will help increase the amount of water that remains in the Refuge, especially during dry periods.
  Maintaining the additional water will allow for ecological habitat improvements in the Refuge.
- You can hike and bike the L-40 Canal from the Refuge's Lee Road Entrance. You will be able to boat on the Refuge's remaining public use areas during this project. These areas can be accessed right here at the Hillsboro Entrance, the Lee Road Entrance, and the 20 Mile Bend Entrance.
- On rare occasions the L-40 Levee will be open to hiking and biking. Please see sign posted on site for notice when open.









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